

Rourke Family Hears the Call to Action and Will Soon Cavort Merrily Around Pa's Ball Lot

PA SENDS FOR HIS FAMILY OF BOYS

President Rourke Will Assemble Omaha Team Thursday and Begin Spring Practice.

SLIM HALL MAY NOT COME

Long Pitcher Wants to Stay in the Mountain Region.

RUNS ACROSS ONE NEW WONDER

Fa Gets Vasbruders, Highly Touted Youth from East.

NO CHANCE TO RECOVER CHICK

Aufrey and Ragan, Too, Will Be Kept by Griffith for His Cincinnati Champions of National League.

Some of Pa's Colts are now on their way to Omaha, and one by one and in bunches they will soon be dropping into the Smoke House to report. Transportation has been sent to all the team, with orders to report March 25, and all are expected to be on hand at that time, with the possible exception of Slim Hall, who may be traded, as he wants to remain in the mountains. Hall has not been well for two years and thinks a change will do him good.

Pa Rourke also has sent transportation to two new men who want a chance to try for the Omaha team. Both of these have good records and they must think they can make good or they would not take a chance on coming so far away from home, with no advance money to lure them on and no prospects of anything if they do not make good. One of these is Vasbruders from Brookville, Pa., recommended by Dr. Alex Whitehill, pitcher on the Omaha team in 1904, and the other is J. E. Smith, an infielder who was recommended by Howard Wakarfield, former catcher for Des Moines and Toledo.

Here is what Dr. Whitehill has to say of Vasbruders:

Brookville, Pa., March 16, 1909.—W. A. Rourke, Esq., Omaha, Neb.: My Dear Sir—Inclosed find Vasbruders' signed contract. He has played second base and the outfield. He says he would rather play second base. Where I saw him work was in the outfield. If he hits the ball like I saw him hit last year some of those pitchers will wish he had stayed in Pennsylvania. Vasbruders does not drink a drop and you depend on him always. Very truly yours, ALEX WHITEHILL.

No Chance to Get Chick

The real truth of the matter is that Pa had high hopes of getting Autrey back this year, but the letter from Clark Griffith, manager of the Cincinnati Reds put all hope aside. Griffith told Pa not to expect Chick, as he was making good. Every writer with the team is boosting him. Pa relied a good deal on the fact that Hoffblatt made good last year and probably would do so again another chance, but Chick is also making good and Griffith expects to keep him.

This is what Jack Ryder, sporting editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer writes in his paper concerning Autrey:

"Chick" Autrey is a finished first baseman, so far as playing the game goes. He has his feet on one side of the bag to the other as well as any first baseman in the business. He is also quite some this spring and it will be a battle royal between these lads for the final call. Autrey has the advantage of being left handed, which helps him in throwing to second, but Hobbs has a frog on Chick in speed on his feet. Go it, boys.

Pat Ragan is also making good with the Reds and Jack Ryder writes his paper concerning him: "I don't see how they can keep Ragan off the regular staff."

The line up of the Omaha team looks pretty good in most of the fans, but of course, the real merit of the team will depend in large measure how some of these new players show up and whether they will come up to the advance notices which have been sent out concerning them. The Omaha team, fighting at all time last year at or near the top of the list, has lost Ragan, Autrey and Austin, three of its mainstays and it is up to Pa to find men to replace them. Pa thinks he has the material in sight.

Lineup for the Start.

The lineup of the Rourkes at the start of the season will be:
First Base—Graham, Eberlein, Clair.
Second Base—King.
Third Base—Pender.
Shortstop—Frank B.
Left Field—Fisher.
Center Field—Welch.
Right Field—Somma, Belden.
Catchers—Gonding, Le Brand, Cadman.
Pitchers—Hall, Sanders, Lower, Rice, Hanson, Johns, Holmbeck, Ritzman and Kelly Weist.
Utility Men—Vasbruders, Smith.

All of the exhibition games of the Rourke family will be played at Vinton Street park, except two at Lincoln, April 13 and 15, and a game at Grand Island April 27, with the Grand Island team, when the Rourkes are enroute to the mountains for the opening of the league season. Brother Jim wanted Pa to stop off for a game and it was put on the schedule. The exhibition games, as now arranged, are:
Washington—March 23, April 1.
Lee-Glass-Andrews—April 2.
Mississippi—April 6, 7, 8.
White Sox—April 10, 11.
Creston—April 13.
Lincoln—April 17, 18.
Bellevue—April 24.
Green's Indians—April 25.
At Grand Island—April 27.

Pa's Bill has consented to play a game during the exhibition series for the benefit of the Childs Saving Institute and the date may be April 16, with Lincoln.

FIRST CAR IN AUTO TROPHY RACE

Pathfinder Leaves New York to Make Trip Over Exposition Course.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The car which will act as pathfinder for the International Transcontinental Automobile contest for the M. Robert Guggenheim trophy from this city to the Alask-Yukon-Pacific exposition, on June 1, started for Seattle from the city hall at noon today. The Pathfinder is the car which won the New York-to-Paris race last year, and George Miller, who acted as mechanician in that event, will drive the car to Seattle.

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If you have the automobile fever keep your eye on this column.

Have you read the want ads yet today?

Five Young Men Who Have Attained Eminence in Basket Ball



R. D. Wilson. Cherrington. Leo Wilson. Harris. Cohn. OMAHA Y. M. C. A. TIGERS.

BALL SEASON OPENS AT YORK

Business College and Henderson Quit Even in Fourteenth.

YORK, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—The first base ball game of the season at York was played yesterday afternoon between Henderson and the York Business College before a small crowd. The weather was too raw for a large attendance, but one of the best games ever witnessed in this city was played. After fourteen innings of fast ball at all times the two teams quit by agreement, score 3 to 3. Bloom, the Henderson pitcher, was at his best and pitched the entire game with only five clean hits. M. Hockenberry pitched the last nine innings for the Business College and struck out twenty-one men in succession. The score:

Table with columns: AB, R, H, O, A, E. Rows for Henderson and York Business College players.

AUBURN TO HAVE RACE MEET

Nine Four Hundred-Dollar Prizes Hung Up for July.

Auburn has taken the lead of the other towns of the circuit of the Nebraska Speed association by deciding to hang up \$400 prizes in trotting and pacing events. The date of the meeting is July 5, 6 and 7 and the entries to all harness races close June 28. Records made in 1908 are not considered as a bar to entries in any event. Barton C. Howe is secretary of the Auburn Summer Race Meeting association and will receive all entries and give any information desired. The program:

Trotting—2:15 class, \$400; 2:30 class, \$400; 2:45 class, \$400; 2:55 class, \$400; 3-year-old and under, \$200.
Pacing—Free for all, \$400; 2:12 class, \$400; 2:15 class, \$400; 2:20 class, \$400; 2-year-old and under, \$200.
Running Races—One-half mile and rest, \$100; five-eighths-mile dash, \$100; one-mile dash, \$100.

Getter Goes to Top-Notch

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 20.—"Phil" Geler, outfielder for the St. Paul American association base ball club, today announced that he had secured his release and had signed a contract with Topkapa, Kan.

The automobile season will soon be here. Do you want to get one at a low price?

A good many people of means use a car one year and then sell it, others dispose of them for one reason or another. By watching the advertisements under the heading "Automobiles," on the want-ad page, you can pick up a snap most any day. If you have the automobile fever keep your eye on this column. Have you read the want ads yet today?

MIXUP OVER THE AMES DATE

Trouble Supposed to Have Been Settled Breaks Out Again.

TWO SCHOOLS MAY NOT MEET

Nebraska Has Only One Other Date, October Thirty, at Omaha, and This Has Been Offered to the Iowa School.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—New complications have just arisen in the athletic relations between Nebraska and Ames which may keep the two schools from meeting on the gridiron next fall. Ames brought on the trouble this time by refusing to play the Cornhuskers on November 13, after once agreeing to that date. Manager Eager of Nebraska received word yesterday from Prof. Byerts of the Aggie school stating that he could not complete arrangements for holding the contest on November 13.

To say that action on the part of Ames has made the Nebraska management mad is to put it mildly, for the change of the date for the Ames game will necessitate a shifting of all the games on the Cornhusker schedule. Manager Eager has offered to play the Aggies on October 30 in Omaha and unless they agree to that date they will be left off the State university's schedule for 1909. The Nebraska manager is not put out with the way the Iowa state college athletic managers have been acting and he is not going to have any more quibbling with them. He said this morning that he had telegraphed Prof. Byerts, offering to play in Omaha on the 14th Saturday in October. Unless that date and place is agreed to by the Aggie manager the two schools will not meet this coming season.

The trouble over settling upon a date for their annual game dates back two months, when Nebraska and Ames first began negotiating for a meeting next fall. At that time Manager Eager thought the Aggie wanted to play on November 13 and he held that day open for them and scheduled the other contests that are to fill out the Cornhuskers' list of major games. November was given to Kansas for a game in Lincoln. About three weeks ago, after Ames had completed all of its schedule with the exception of booking its annual game with Nebraska, Prof. Byerts wrote Manager Eager, saying that the Aggie would meet the Cornhuskers in Ames on November 6. Havink Kansas booked for that day Nebraska could not accept the date proposed by Prof. Byerts.

Iowa Gies Back.

Ames was set on keeping that day, though, and but for the intervention of Iowa, the two schools probably would have decided at that time not to play next fall. The University of Iowa had game scheduled with Ames for November 13 and offered to switch it to a week earlier, November 16, in order to allow Nebraska and the Aggie to get together on that date. This satisfied the managers at Ames and Nebraska and November 13 was settled upon.

But since that time, Iowa, which had a tentative agreement to play Drake on November 6, did some backsliding and told the Aggie school that the original date for its game would be kept. This then forced Ames to play Iowa on November 13 or cancel the game. Prof. Byerts decided that instead of making any trouble for the University of Iowa that he would give Nebraska the worst end of the deal and try to make Manager Eager accept November 6. The Cornhusker manager, however, will not ask Kansas to change its date from November 6, for he knows the Jayhawkers could not do so even if they desired.

Ames will play Nebraska on October 20 in Omaha, the schedule of the games for the Cornhuskers will be completed. Iowa will be played in Lincoln October 9 and Minnesota will be met a week later, either in Omaha or Minneapolis. October 23 will be an open date. Then the Ames game will come to Omaha on October 30 and on November 6 Kansas will come to Lincoln. Denver university will be played in Denver on November 20, the Saturday before that being kept open in order to give the Cornhuskers a rest.

AMATEUR BOXERS AT BOSTON

Championships Decided at Mechanics' Hall April 12 and 13.

NEW YORK, March 20.—The annual amateur boxing championships of the United States are to be held under the management of the Boston Athletic association by the Amateur Athletic union in Mechanics hall, Boston, on the nights of April 12 and 13. The tournament promises to be one of the greatest of its kind ever held in this country, as the best amateur boxers of America are to strive for championship honors, and solid gold championship medals will be awarded the victors in each class. Only bona fide amateurs, registered by the amateur athletic associations affiliated with the Amateur Athletic union of the United States may compete. The boxing rules of the latter organization are to govern the contests. Entries will be received in the following classes: Bantamweight, 106 pounds and under; feather weight, 115 pounds and under; special weight, 125 pounds and under; lightweight, 135 pounds and under; middleweight, 155 pounds and under; heavyweight, 185 pounds and under. Contestants will weigh in each night in Mechanics hall between 5 and 6:30 o'clock. No contestant will be permitted to weigh in later than 7 o'clock on the night of contest.

Barlow S. Weeks, chairman of the championship committee of the Amateur Athletic union, has accepted the offer of the Claremont Athletic club of this city to hold the national wrestling championships for 1909 under their auspices. These championships will be held about April 10. The weights are as follows: Bantam, 105 pounds and under; feather, 115 pounds and under; light, 135 pounds and under; welter, 145 pounds and under; middle, 155 pounds and under, and heavyweight.

Champion of the World



FRANK GOTCH

GOTCH HAS BIG WEEK'S WORK

Champion Must Tackle Two Giants in Two Nights.

COMES TO OMAHA ON FRIDAY

Champion of the World Will Appear Here for the First Time Since His Triumph Over the Russian Lion.

Frank Gotch, although champion of the world, has cut out a big job for himself this week. He meets Raoul de Rouen, the French giant, Thursday night at Kansas City and John Parrell, champion of Italy, in Omaha Friday night. The Frenchman will follow his Kansas City meeting with Gotch by a match Friday night at Des Moines with Jess Westergaard. The match is to be to a finish, as Westergaard refused to wrestle any more handicap affairs.

Omaha followers of the wrestling game who enjoy the sport will have the best match of the three Gotch is to wrestle this spring before taking up his work of managing the Humboldt base ball team. He wrestles the Frenchman, the Italian and the Turk, and the wise boys say the Italian is the biggest and roughest and most skilled in the wrestling game of the three.

The title of champion will not win the match for Frank Gotch Friday night at the Auditorium, but he will have to use all his skill, cunning and strength. Skill and cunning he learned from his old instructor, Farmer Burns, and strength he has gained from years of wrestling and training and from taking care of his physical condition. That is the reason he is champion.

Gotch says he intends to keep in the best of condition as long as he is in the wrestling game, and that may not be long. He had said he was going to retire when some responsible parties in Australia offered him a large sum of money to go to a match in January with Hackenschmidt, the Russian lion, whom Gotch made cry at Chicago April 3.

The preliminary Friday night, will be between big men. Manager Gillan has secured Charles A. Jensen, the big policeman, and Jack Emmeringer, Jensen weighs 230 and Emmeringer 220 pounds.

To accommodate the large crowd which is sure to be present Manager Gillan has built several large strong sections of elevated seats from which spectators may have a good view of the mat. The extra seats will accommodate more than 1,000. Several rows of chairs will be placed around the arena. The box office sale of seats will open Tuesday morning.

The fact that this may be Gotch's last appearance in Omaha as a wrestler has whittled the desire of fans to see this match. He has never before been here as world's champion, and this has been a contributing factor to the large patronage. Gotch is being trained for all these matches by Emil Klank. The Turk will be trained by Fred Beell and John L. Sullivan's protegee, Cutler, whom Gotch nearly broke in two.

ANSON ARRANGES EASTERN TRIP

Will Take His Ball Team East for Exhibition Games.

CHICAGO, March 20.—"Pop" Anson announces he has been successful in blocking the eastern trip which he proposes to give his base ball team this spring. The games definitely scheduled include two in Philadelphia, on April 7 and 8, when the Colts will play the Phillies and Athletics on the National League grounds there; one game in New York with the Giants, on April 12, and a game in Newark with the Eastern League team, on April 12 or 13.

The veteran plans, however, to book games enough to keep his team busy the greater part of the month of April in the east. He is after games in Boston, Washington and Baltimore, and expects to get dates with New England league teams after the major league season opens on April 14.

The Baboon Plague

destroys fewer lives than stomach, liver and kidney diseases, for which Electric Bitters is the guaranteed remedy. 50c. For sale by Beaton Drug Co.

PRIZES ARE AWARDED BOWLERS

List of First Fifteen Winners in Each Highest Scores to Date.

Table with columns: Five-Man Team, Two-Man Team, Individual. Lists names and scores.

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 20.—(Special Telegram.)

The Brewed Malts was the only five-man team from the wide prairies of the west to run into the prize list of the American Bowling congress tournament, which wound up its five events tonight, the Brewers putting up a 2,736 score, which landed them \$75 for nineteenth place.

Frank Bruggemann, the base ball catcher of Sioux City, who is tied with Larry Sutton for the lead in the individual championship, arrived here for the second time and will meet Sutton on the tournament alleys tomorrow night. The match has been widely advertised and an immense crowd is expected out for the single game, which one man has traveled close to 1,000 miles to roll. Sutton has not reached Pittsburgh yet, but is expected in the morning.

Awards of Prizes.

The first fifteen prize winners in the three classes, five-men, two-men and individual, and the complete list for honors in all events during the tournament, which concludes a three weeks' meeting in this city tomorrow evening, and to be officially announced by the officials of the conference.

First honor in the five-men class is captured by the Lipman team from Chicago, with a world's record score of 2,962. Their prize is \$100. Al and Tony Schwoesler of Madison, Wis., are first in the double class with a world's record score of 1,394. Their prize is \$75. Al and Tony Schwoesler of Madison, Wis., are first in the individual class in undecided. F. Bruggemann of Sioux City, Ia., and Larry Sutton of Rochester, N. Y., are tied for this honor with a score of 691. This is eight points less than the record made at Cincinnati, O., last year.

The tie will be rolled off tomorrow evening. In the all-events honor roll, J. Blinn of Chicago is first with a score of 1,885. His prize is \$150.

Following is the tabulation:

All-Event Class.

There are sixteen prizes to be awarded in the all-event list, with a total cash amount of \$840. They are:

Table with columns: Name, Score, Amt. Lists winners and prizes for All-Event Class.

Five-Men Event Class.

In the five-men event there are seventy-six prizes ranging from \$70 to \$25, the total amount being \$7,422. The first fifteen are:

Table with columns: Name, Score, Amt. Lists winners and prizes for Five-Men Event Class.

Two-Men Event Class.

In the two-men event there are seventy-six prizes ranging from \$70 to \$25, the total amount being \$7,422. The first fifteen are:

TRAINING TABLE

MAY CAUSE SPLIT

Nebraska Athletic Board Will Not Wait for Conference Action.

SPECIAL GRUB FOR TRACK MEN

Final Vote to Repeal Rule Too Late for Spring Training.

KANSAS MAY FOLLOW EXAMPLE

Jayhawkers Known to Be Against Limitation.

FOX TEACHES MEN TO BUNT

Base Ball Coach Hopes to Have Squad Outdoors This Week—Foot Ball Coach Matter Still in the Air.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)

Will Nebraska appear to be waving a torch of defiance in the face of a majority of the schools composing the Missouri valley conference when it next week votes to establish a training table for the Cornhusker athletes? Will such a step be likely to bring down upon the local state institution a severe reprimand from that majority for violation of the recently adopted conference rule prohibiting the maintenance of a training table by any member of the "Big Seven?"

These are pertinent questions which have been raised in connection with the appointment of a committee by the Cornhusker athletic board to investigate the proposition of feeding the under-path athletes at a special table this spring and following the announcement that enough of the Nebraska athletic members are in favor of the track men's training table to assure its receiving the sanction of the board at a special meeting called for next week.

That the Nebraska board will be setting a precedent by making such a move, which will probably be followed by one or two other schools, and that its action will undoubtedly have an important bearing on the training table question when it comes up for a final vote before the conference are undeniable points that have been brought out in the discussion. But just what the Cornhusker board itself will become embroiled in by keeping a table can only be conjectured after the meeting and only against the foot ball training table is recalled and the attitude of each school in the conference on that ruling is looked into.

Limited Table Abolished.

Until this year the Missouri valley conference has had a rule which permitted any school in that organization to keep a training table for its athletic teams providing the cost to the management of any school was not to exceed \$100. At a meeting of the representatives of the seven institutions composing this body in Kansas City in December last year, the rule was repealed by a vote of six to one, Kansas being the only dissenting member. Since that time, though, the athletic boards of Nebraska and Missouri have declared in favor of the training table and will be allied with Kansas to fight to keep it in the "Big Seven."

From a standpoint of legality an answer must hinge upon the doubt as to whether the conference action against the training table has become a rule of that body before it has been reconsidered after having been rejected by one or more of the schools. If, when it was adopted, it became a law binding on all the conference schools until it should be repealed at another session, then Nebraska is establishing a training table will be violating a rule of the "Big Seven" and can be subjected to censure by that organization. On the other hand, as the majority of the Nebraska athletic board look at the situation, the training table rule, since it has been disapproved by the athletic members at three schools, is not a law of the "Big Seven" until the final vote has been taken on it. This view of the situation leaves the old rule, permitting a training table, in force, and gives the Cornhuskers a right to run a table if they like.

Merely Oppose Table.

But, looking at the proposition from the other side, one or two men on the Cornhusker board of control who do not favor the training table declare that, since the vote for doing away with it at the Kansas City meeting was six to one, Nebraska is morally bound to observe the wishes of that majority until further action has been taken. Leaving out the legal question, they assert, no school has a right to take any action that would have been disapproved by the Kansas City meeting. These Cornhuskers are of the opinion, too, that Nebraska is legally bound to observe the rule against the training table until it has been acted upon at the next session of the conference.

In answering their critics the majority members of the Nebraska board make a good defense. The fact that action of this kind has been disapproved by three of the conference schools gives Nebraska, or any other member, a right to retain the custom, for the trio of schools will be enough to reject the measure at the next conference meeting. A two-thirds being required to make a rule binding on the seven members of the conference. With Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska favoring the training table, a reconsideration of the measure passed at Kansas City will result in its being defeated. Ames, Iowa, Washington and Drake will still be in favor of abolishing the table, but the Cornhuskers do not think that these four schools should have their own way when the three other conference universities are wanting something else.

If the measure abolishing the training